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SUBJECT: COUNTERVAILING DUTY PROCEEDINGS: FOOTWEAR

REF: BRASILIA 2352(NOTAL)

1. AS INDICATED IN REFTEL, COMPLAINT FILED BY AMERICAN
FOOTWEAR INDUSTRIES ASSN. INCLUDED BOTH SHOES FROM ARGEN-
TINA, AS WELL AS NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR FROM BRAZIL. HOWEVER,
TREASURY TREATS THEM AS SEPARATE COMPLAINTS BECAUSE DIFFER-
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ENT COUNTRIES ARE INVOLVED.

2. ARGENTINE COMPLAINT HAS NOT RECEIVED AS MUCH ACTIVE ATTENTION AS THE BRAZILIAN CASE DUE TO CONFLICTING PRIORITIES ARISING FROM TREASURY'S CASELOAD AND TRADE BILL PRESSURES. IN SITUATIONS SUCH AS THESE TREASURY, FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, TENDS TO MOVE MORE RAPIDLY ON THOSE CASES WHICH HAVE A GREATER IMPACT ON U.S. TRADE. ARGENTINE SHOE EXPORTS FOR 1973 TOTALED 16.7 MILLION DOLLARS OR 1.75 PERCENT OF U.S. NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR IMPORTS COMPARED WITH BRAZILIAN NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR IMPORTS OF 81.3 MILLION DOLLARS OR 9 PERCENT OF U.S. IMPORT MARKET.

3. REFTTEL ALSO REFERS TO COMPLAINT AGAINST SPANISH FOOTWEAR. THAT CASE IS UNDER VERY ACTIVE CONSIDERATION WITH INFORMAL DIALOGUE WITH SPANISH OFFICIALS HAVING BEEN

ESTABLISHED MANY MONTHS AGO. THIS HAS ENABLED TREASURY, AT LEAST UNTIL NOW, TO CONDUCT ITS INQUIRY WITHOUT ISSUANCE OF COUNTERVAILING DUTY PROCEEDING NOTICE.

4. REGRETTABLY, DESPITE OUR EFFORTS, WE WERE UNABLE TO ESTABLISH A DIALOGUE ON INFORMAL BASIS WITH GOB. CONSEQUENTLY, TREASURY FOUND IT NECESSARY TO PUBLISH COUNTERVAILING DUTY PROCEEDING NOTICE. KISSINGER

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